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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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40,000 ATTEND 70th HOLY CONVOCATION OF COGIC



PART OF THE CROWD ATTENDING CONVOCATION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELECTS AN ATTORNEY FOR CHURCH

For the first time in History of the Church of God in Christ its national General Assembly elected the person they wanted to serve as the attorney for the General Church. Never before has the legal advisors of the church been chosen in this way. Attorney J. O. Patterson Jr. one of the most outstanding legal representatives of our time was voted into office by a good majority of the national general assembly.

Attorney J. O. Patterson Jr. is one of the few multi-talented sons of the church who has stayed with the church. In the opinion of many, he is uniquely qualified for this task. He not only brings to this office a law degree from one of the leading universities, but he also will be giving the church the benefit of his influence which he has earned serving the city of Memphis as one of their State Representatives and city councilmen. His status as a civil servant alone will add to the notoriety of one of the greatest churches in the world. These above mentioned qualification would be enough to satisfy any religious group, but still there is more. In addition to his years of experience in the legal

profession he has acquired a knowledge and love of the Church of God in Christ not to be compared with. He is the grandson of the founding father of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop C. H. Mason. He is also the son of the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson Sr. The whole Truth Paper congratulates the national general assembly on such a wise choice.



ATTORNEY
J. O. PATTERSON, JR.

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More than 40,000 persons attended this years 70th Annual Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ according to the "Tri State Defender" which is one of Memphis oldest black Newspaper. The convention bureau of the city of Memphis reported that this was one of the largest gatherings to ever be recorded in the history of the city. The city literally ran out of places to house the delegates. The Memphis International Airport authorities had to hire extra persons in every division of the airport. From all reports the 70th Convocation was the greatest ever.

The first three days was given to fasting and praying. One of the highlights of the convocation was a Religious Education and training program that convened each afternoon of the first week. The classes offered were: Bishops, Supervisors, Jurisdictional Secretaries, Supervision & Admin. (For Superintendents), Pastoral Ministry (Pastors), The Art of Worship, Evangelism, District Missionaries, Doctrine, Sermon Prep. & Delivery, Stewardship, Urban Ministry, Ministerial Ethics, Christian Education, Lay Ministry, Mission, Bus Ministry.

Some of the speakers in the Holy Convocation were: Eld. James Quick, Ohio, Eld. C. L. Moody, Illinois, Bishop H. Williams, Mich., Bishop C. D. Williams, Alaska, Supt. C. Calloway, Texas, Bishop W. M. Rimson, Mich., Donald Wheelock, Miss.

During the 70th Holy Convocation the three Jurisdictional Bishops of Ohio met concerning the plans for UNAC-5 to be held in Cleveland, Ohio June 26-July 1, 1978.

It is their wish that this will be the greatest convention ever held under the banner of UNAC-5.

In order to make this possible, they have pledge their full cooperation of each of their jurisdictions. Bishop Fields is the Jurisdictional Bishop of Northern, Ohio, with Mrs. Lola Young serving as Supervisor of women. Bishop Robert Chapman is the Jurisdictional Bishop of Northwestern Ohio, Mrs. Ellen Pettigrew Supervisor of women. Bishop F. E. Perry is the Jurisdictional Bishop of Ohio Southern Jurisdiction and Mrs. Hannah Bell serves as Supervisor of women.

Bishop Wm. James and Bishop F. E. Perry will be coordinating the convention. Each of these

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PRESIDING BISHOP PREPARES TO ADMINISTER
COMMUNION

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PLEDGE 18,000 TO SAINTS CENTER

The National Superintendent of Sunday School of the Church of God in Christ Bishop C. W. Williams, pledged in behalf of his Dept. nearly \$18,000 to Saints Center at the U.N.A.C.-5 in New Orleans. This was during the same time the National Music Dept. pledges \$10,000 to this project.

Saints Center will be the future complex where the Church of God in Christ will amount the many activities promoting the Gospel of Christ and the

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BISHOP C. W. WILLIAMS

OHIO BISHOPS UNITE FOR UNAC IN 78



BISHOPS LEFT TO RIGHT ROBERT CHAPMAN, R. S. FIELDS
AND F. E. PERRY, JR.

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EDITORIAL PAGE

MADALYN O' HAIR SEEKS TO REMOVE RELIGION OFF THE AIRWAVES

Submitted by
Concerned Christians

ALL CHRISTIANS ACT NOW!

Madalyn Murray O'Hair whose efforts successfully eliminated the use of Bible Reading and prayer from all public schools, has been granted a federal hearing in Washington, D. C. on the subject of RELIGION AND AIRWAVES by the Federal Communications Commission. This petition (No. 2493) would ultimately pave the way to eliminate the proclamation of the Gospel via airways of America. She took her petitions bearing 27,000 signatures to back up her stand. If her attempt is successful, all Sunday Worship services currently being broadcast either by radio or television would cease. Many elderly people and shut-ins

depend on the radio and television to fulfill their worship needs every week as well as those recuperating from an illness in the hospital.

Her petition also protests the decision of the Astronauts to read the Bible as a Christian message to the world from their space craft while orbiting the moon in 1968.

You can help stop her this time. We need 1,000,000 signed letters commending the Astronauts for their faith in God. This would defeat Mrs. O'Hair and show her there are still many Christians alive and well in our country.

ALL CHRISTIANS ACT NOW FOR GOD!

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

RE: Petition Number 2493

Date _____

Gentlemen:

I personally appreciate and wholeheartedly support the Sunday Worship services and other religious programming that are broadcast over radio and television. Many sick, elderly people and shut-ins depend on radio and the television to fulfill their worship needs.

In 1968, the Astronauts read the Bible as a Christian message to the world from their space craft while orbiting the moon. We commend them for their faith in God and the courage to express it.

I urge you to please, see to it that Christian programming on both radio and television continues.

Thank you for your consideration.

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MOBILE, ALABAMA

Holy Greetings to the saints of God everywhere. We are saints of Robinson Temple Church of God in Christ.

We are thanking God for His wonderful blessings. We are yet saved and on fire for the Lord. The Lord blessed us greatly in our pastor's 6th year anniversary. We are few in number, but the Lord blessed us to give him \$3,199.88 (Three thousand, one hundred-ninety nine dollars and eighty eight cents.) We had a glorious time in the Lord. The Lord met us five times a week.

Pray much for us that the Lord will lead us on.

Supt. A. Robinson, Pastor
Sis. L. Robinson, Reporter

USE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST SUNDAY SCHOOL & Y. P. W.W. LITERATURE.

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

To Be Continued in Future Issues

BE A PARTNER FOR PROGRESS

My Dear Fellow Saints,

When God commands, I can do nothing but obey as his most humble creature and servant. Saints Center is God's order to me. But I am helpless. A head can envision. A head can dream. But we the Church are the Body of Christ. So we must be Partners for Progress if Saints Center is to be a reality.

The cost is high, but not beyond us. If those among us who have been financially blessed and will pledge \$2,000 to be donated over a two year period and those less blessed, pledge \$1,000 for the same period, we can meet our goal and pay as we build.

But God knows who is giving from his heart and will reward the mite-giver who sacrifices more than the rich man whose gift doesn't hurt.

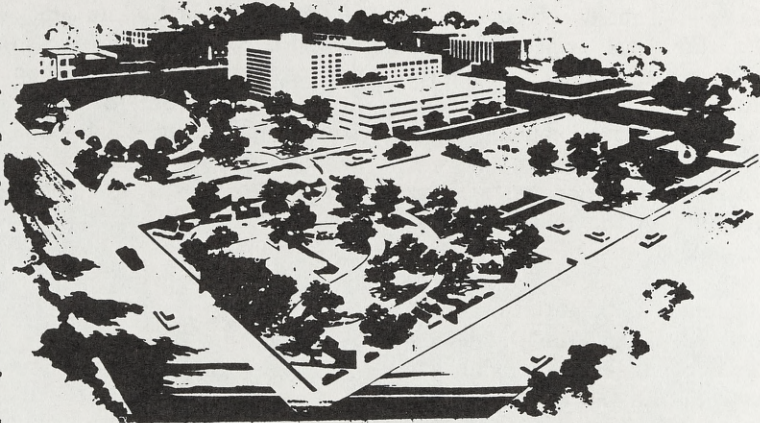
The Church of God in Christ has been richly showered with the blessings of the Holy Ghost. Our prodigious growth in size and influence in sixty nine short years should not in this year of our Lord, 1977, come to a rest.

Let us not lay down our burden and become smug and self-satisfied. Saints Center will be The Holy Ghost Evangelistic Center of the world. Christ has charged us as born again Christian "to go ye into all the world." The people of the world are in need of the Gospel-Saints Center will be our visible symbol indicating to all, our dedication to do God's Will.

Be a Partner for Progress. Help build our Saints Center and make the years to come a new age of evangelism for the world.

May God Bless You Richly,

J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ, Inc.



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'CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT'-MYTH OR MYSTERY?

by
Klaas Runia

PART I

Can you answer those who doubt the Virgin Birth?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary...."

In these well-known words the

Apostles' Creed speaks of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In the earliest form of this Creed (the so-called Roman Creed, which dates from at least the second century) it is stated in a slightly shorter form: "who was born from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary." Apparently the church has always regarded the Virgin birth as an essential part of its faith.

In recent years, however, we see that this very article of our faith is increasingly attacked and denied. Of course, it is not the first time that this has happened. In 1892 a famous liberal scholar

in Germany, Adolf Harnack, in a public lecture to his students, rejected the virgin birth and thus triggered off a lengthy and heated controversy about the Apostles' Creed. Harnack could not accept this article of faith for several reasons. For one thing, he did not believe in miracles. But the main reason was that he did not believe in the incarnation of the Son of God. To him Jesus was just a man and no more.

In the twentieth century the controversy went on, but at the same time a remarkable shift took place. The older liberals rejected the virgin birth because they did not believe in the incarnation itself. But in 1927 Emil Brunner published a book on the work of Christ, in which he vigorously upheld the doctrine of the incarnation (Jesus is the Son of God who became man), and yet rejected the virgin birth. According to him this doctrine was nothing else than an attempt of some people in the early church to 'explain' the miracle of the incarnation in a biological fashion. But this attempt, however well meant, in actual fact obscured the real miracle. Later on, however, Karl Barth again upheld the doctrine of the virgin birth and for many years his view dominated.

After the Second World War a change set in again. Rudolf Bultmann stated his program of demythologizing the Bible. According to him the New Testament is full of myths. We should not be surprised by this fact, for this was the only way in which the first Christians could

express what they had experienced in their encounter with Jesus Christ. As such these myths are important, for they tell us about the faith of the early church. But, of course, one should not take them literally.

Even though not all modern theologians are willing to go as far as Bultmann many of them share his approach. They also believe that the New Testament is nothing else than an attempt of the first Christians to tell us what Jesus meant to them and therefore we have to ask every

time: Is this or that story about Jesus a factual story or is it only a statement of faith? Many Protestant theologians are inclined to say: the virgin birth belongs to the latter category. It is not an historical fact, but only a statement of faith, by which the first Christians wanted to say: to us Jesus really is the Son of God.

So far we have mentioned only developments within Protestant theology. We have not mentioned Roman Catholic theology, and this is not without reason, for until very recently Roman Catholic theology

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A TRIBUTE TO: BISHOP W. A. PATTERSON

HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST PRESENTS A PERSONAL TESTIMONY AND HISTORICAL SKETCH OF BISHOP W. A. PATTERSON

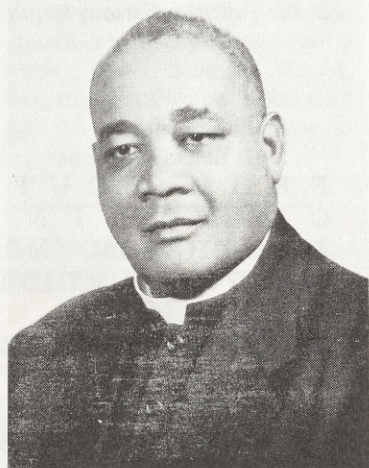
Dyersburg, Tennessee by the late Bishop A. B. McEwen. I served as pastor of the Humboldt church for twenty-six years. The Lord blessed us to build a church there for His people to worship.

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Bishop William Archie Patterson, the eldest son of William M. Patterson and Mrs. Mollie E. Patterson, was born April 30, 1898, near Derma, Mississippi.

On December 18, 1921, in the state of Arkansas, the Lord beautifully saved me from my sins and I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost the following watch meeting night. This was a glorious and wonderful experience for which I am yet thanking and praising God.

July 27, 1927, I was married to Miss Mary Louise Williams, in



BISHOP W. A. PATTERSON

FINAL ARTS FINALIST PERFORM AT PRESIDING BISHOPS BENEFIT DINNER



The distinguished panel of judges for the Fine Arts Activity at the Benefit Dinner are: seated left to right, Mrs. Anna Ford; Mr. Douglas Wilkins; Mrs. Victoria Barnes. Standing left to right: Mrs. LuVonia Whittley; Mrs. Norma Reed; Miss LaBarbara Whitehead; Mr. Donald Green.



The Presiding Bishop is photographed with the six finalists. From left to right they are: Anthony Thompson, Mercedes Bonner, Roslyn M. Bennett, Dorcas Goodwin, Elizabeth Walton, Vernon King.

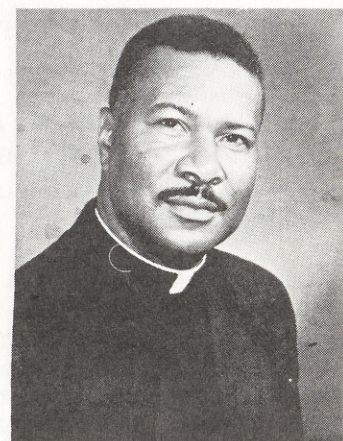
The Presiding Bishop's Annual Benefit Dinner was held at 5:00 P. M., Saturday, November 12, 1977, in the Gold Room of the Downtown Headquarters. The dinner was highlighted by the radiant talents of the six fine arts finalists. Each participant became the recipient of a James Oglethorpe Fine Arts Appreciation Award and Scholarship. The top award was in the area of Visual Arts, \$2,500, and the recipient was Roslyn M. Bennett. The other awards and scholarships were as follows: Performing Arts-Mercedes Bonner, \$2,000; Dorcas Goodwin, \$1,500; Elizabeth Walton, \$1,000; Anthony Thompson, \$1,000. Visual Arts-Vernon King, \$1,000. The participants are enrolled in colleges and universities in the area of fine arts. Two of the finalists are in graduate school. We are extremely proud of these young people and the seventy-five others who participated in the fine arts activity at UNAC in New Orleans and at the dinner in Memphis. The dinner is in support of the Charles Harrison Mason Foundation. Mrs. Julia Mason Atkins is the Executive Director, and Sara Jordan Powell is Director of Talent and Fine Arts.



Roslyn M. Bennett, recipient of \$2,500 scholarship is flanked by Mrs. Julia Mason Atkins and the Presiding Bishop.



Roslyn Bennett's jurisdictional Bishop Stewart is all smiles as he stands with Sara Jordan Powell, Director of Talent and Fine Art; Roslyn and her art masterpiece; and Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson.



DR. T. L. WESTBROOK
Tacoma, Washington

His appointment was necessary because of the demise of the late Bishop R. E. Altheimer earlier this year. Bishop Westbrook was born in Rison, Arkansas on May 17, 1924. He was converted at the age of nine years old and became a member of the Church

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Church News

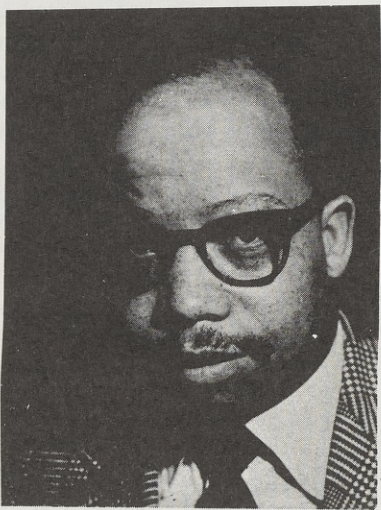


BISHOP DENNIS FLAKES, Presiding Bishop of the Southeastern Wisconsin, First Jurisdiction, Church of God in Christ, was honored at the Sixth Annual Fellowship dinner Saturday evening at the Marc Plaza Hotel. At right is Ms. Flakes, and seated behind her is Dr. J. Markham, Administrative Assistant to Bishop L. H. Ford, the Second National Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ. The dinner was sponsored by Annie B. Henry, Assistant State Supervisor, of Southeastern Wisconsin, COGIC.

A TESTIMONY OF FAITH AND VICTORY

SHILOH CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST 1643 Montauk Highway, Bellport, N.Y. 11713

Our Pastor, Elder Charles J. Terry, had a vision from the Lord, for a 3 week's Tent Revival on the church grounds. The cost for rental of the tent was \$500.00. Elder Terry had only \$100.00 for a deposit. But, he ordered the tent, anyway.



Pastor C.J. Terry

The cost for electrical equipment was extra, and he had only \$100.00.

He needed \$317.00 for electrical equipment. The Electric company refused to install the unit for the current needed.

Pastor Terry asked a neighbor for the use of their electricity. One neighbor refused, but another gladly consented, and an electrician made the proper connection.

Praise God. There was opposition from outside, saying that the tent would come down.

Yet the pastor and members prayed and God gave us favor with the town officials, and the police department.

The meeting was a success, 23 souls was saved, and all expenses paid, and the neighbor and his wife donated the electric current that we used, and they became members of the church.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you, said Jesus. Please pray for us.

Sister J. Williams, Reporter

GREAT REVIVAL IN SOUTH CAROLINA

CONWAY, June 13-23, 1977--God sent to Mason Temple Church of God in Christ, one of the greatest revivals ever to reach our state. He sent to us Evangelist Derrick Hutchins, a resident of Flint, Michigan.

Our revival began with songs and

prayer, worshipping and praising God in a mighty way, followed by remarks from Superintendent Johnny Johnson after which the Evangelist was introduced by our pastor, Elder E. N. Brockington.

Evangelist Hutchins came forth in a magnificent way. His text, on one night, was taken from Galatians 5:7 "Ye did run well; who did hinder you." All the saints congregated around the altar that night, and the Spirit of the Lord fell and his name was gloriously praised. We heard beautiful strengthening messages nightly along with songs of praise from the mixed choir of Mason Temple and Calvary Church of God in Christ, Goose Creek, South Carolina. Some of the soloist for the revival were Mrs. Thelma Wright, State Soloist, Master Robert Rivers and David Manigo.

At the end of the first five nights, eight souls were saved. On the last night of the revival, twelve persons claimed the gift of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for His blessings and for the Evangelist Derrick Hutchins. We are praying that the Lord will continue to use Evangelist Hutchins in His service.

Sister Dorothy Faison, Reporter

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION, MRS. MARY GOURDINE, STATE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ROUTE 2, BOX SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 28483

"GOD'S POWER by Sister Peggy Little

There is a "Spiritual Explosion" going on here at Meredith Temple Church of God in Christ! God is richly blessing our church under the leadership of Elder Hezekiah Meredith in that God is adding many new souls to the church and confirming His Word daily. During this year of 1977, the Lord has blessed us to be able to renovate both the sanctuary and the church basement. The Lord has also blessed us to begin a "Dial-A-Prayer" line which has been a great success.

And the prayers of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up. James 5:15

During our District Meeting of 1976, Mother Ida Anderson suffered a massive heart attack. The Saints prayed for her along with our Pastor, Elder Hezekiah Meredith.

While in route to the hospital, the ambulance had to pull over because her heart had stop beating. PRAISE THE LORD!!

During her stay in the hospital, the Lord worked a living miracle for you see He spared her life. The doctor said he could not find anything wrong with her heart and ALL THE THANKS GOES TO THE LORD.

Mother Ida Anderson returned to us within the next two weeks approximately going strong for the Lord.

THE POWER OF GOD EXCEEDS ALL MAN'S DEVICES!

WOMEN IN THE LIFE OF BISHOP MASON

by Lucille Cornelius

His first wife of his youth failed to be an ideal minister's wife and due to the fact he would not give up doing the will of God they had to separate. She was a beautiful women indeed and had certainly captured his love and admiration, but his love for Jesus was stronger. She refused to follow him into Holiness and thus as not a part of The Church of God in Christ. Her name, Mrs. Alice Saxton Mason.

Bishop Mason being a man determined to obey God's word refused to marry as long as Mrs. Alice Mason lived for he strongly taught that a Bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife. Thus he walked alone with God. The late Mrs. Alice Mason did not walk alone she remarried but Eld. Mason committed his life fully to God and walked alone for 12 years. There were no children to his first marriage. As the years passed Mrs. Mason passed on to eternity and then Bishop Mason was free to choose another wife. This time he was more careful of his choice and God came to his rescue and gave him the lovely Miss Lelia Washington. When he married Lelia Washington she was

fruitful and the Lord blessed, he and Mrs. Lelia Mason with 8 children: Alice, Mary, C. H., Jr. (Bob), Lelia, Ruth, Debra, Julia and Arthur Frederick (Skizzy.)

Mrs. Lelia Mason was a very devoted wife and God had fixed her to be a very understanding Minister's wife. She had complete faith in him and wanted God to have his way in his life. Many days and nights she did not know he was about his father's business but she did not know exactly where he was. The church and the ministers were able to keep in touch with him much better than she could but she never complained. She revered him and was very careful not to hinder him in any way. It is no doubt that she was like Mary the Mother of Jesus as she watched God perform miracle after miracle through her husband, that she thought on them and pondered the strange ways of God in her husband, down in her heart.

In 1936, God called this faithful wife home to rest after 31 years of marriage to the Great Leader. The women of the church admired her greatly and many would stay in her home with her

and help her with the children and the chores. She was an ideal Leader's wife and one for the ladies to aspire to. A building was erected to her memory on the Church Grounds called the Lelia Mason building. A lovely dormitory for the Saints to live while attending the National Meetings. Her son Bob died an ordained Pastor of the Home Church in Memphis, in 1967. Her daughter Lelia Byas conducts the kitchen and gives a very efficient hospitality service to the Saints. Her sweet spirit is so much like her father's. Her kindness reaches out to all, in every way she can. You can't help admiring her. Debra married a minister that has served as the National Secretary and now is our Presiding Bishop, The Bishop J. O. Patterson.

Bishop Mason had to walk alone again. This time he became interested in someone to assist him and take care of his business as he was growing older and had very little time for business for himself. The Lord again intervened and gave him the very charming and beautiful Elsie Washington. She grew up in the family. She was born in the Church. She was well trained

and was an educator in the Memphis City School administration. She taught at the Church School in Lexington, Miss., and was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost under the Dr. Arenia Mallory at the School. She became the bride of Bishop Mason in 1943 and began the exciting career of keeping up with him. He traveled so that at many times she became exhausted and had to let him go without her. She is a very effective speaker and spoke in the Convocations and National meetings as she accompanied her husband. Sometimes I think if she had not been with Dad as we called him he would have given everything away he had as he was such a liberal man and every moucher and beggar knew him. He would not turn anyone away that asked for alms. The blind, halt and underprivileged stood in his pathway awaiting him to pass by and give them a hand out. This he did in large domination of bills that caused them to go away rejoicing and blessing him.

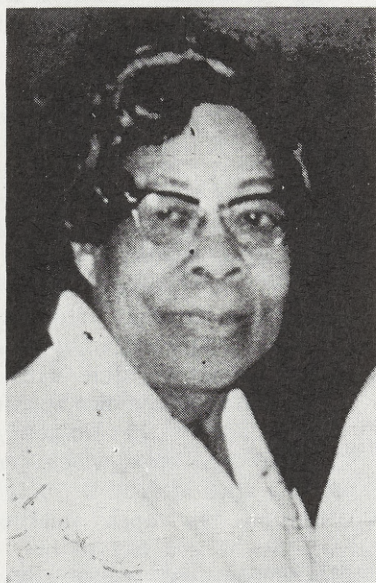
I, the writer have had several opportunities to travel with him, and have watched this procedure

many times take place after he had received his offering. Many poor preachers walked miles to attend the National Convocation and he had to feed them and send them home. He was really a father to his people no wonder we called him Dad.

Mrs. Elsie Mason stood by his side until the end. She now is honored in our National Meetings and has charge of the Dormitories on the grounds and the free Kitchen at the Temple as well as the Editor of the Church's official organ, 'The Whole Truth Paper,' she is very instrumental in the National work. She helps in the Publishing House and graces the Church of God in Christ with dignity. She prefers the back seat instead of the front line and likes to do the hard work instead of the easy jobs. We admire her humble Spirit and salute her for her wonderful personality. She had no children and spent the most of her time taking care of Dad while he lived. She is very interested in the Home and Field Mission Work and is the Executive Secretary of the Department.

OUR COGIC ROOTS

by Lucille Cornelius



MISSIONARY
VIOLA L. WEBSTER

IN MEMORY — OBITUARY

MISSIONARY VIOLA LISENBEE WEBSTER

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith II Tim. 4:7"

—So—

Give her of the fruits of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates. Prov. 31:31

We love you Mother Sleep on, one day we will meet again Your Children—Jeannie & Dorothy, Grandchildren Ina, Liion & Lithel, Greatgrandchildren, Broshun & Max.

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A TRIBUTE TO: BISHOP W. A. PATTERSON Submitted by the Members of The Holy Temple Church

I became the pastor of the church known as Crosstown in December, 1929. The Lord blessed me to enlarge this church. We bought a corner lot at Wilson and Orgill Streets, where the Lord blessed me to build the first brick church by a local congregation of the Church of God in Christ in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, now known as Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. We were blessed to have a live broadcast from our church.

I am the last pastor that was officially appointed to the Lexington Church by the late Bishop C. H. Mason.

I came to Detroit, Michigan by the permission of our late Bishop C. H. Mason, in 1949 and the Lord gave me the desire of my heart; to have a beautiful place for the Lord's people to worship Him.

I am glad that the Lord has been good to me and my family and you are invited to worship with us while you are near us.

Bishop Patterson has led many people to God during his ministry of 56 years. He served as pastor in Humboldt and Dyer, Tennessee, Fulton, Kentucky, Brownsville, Tennessee, Lexington, Mississippi and the Crosstown Church of God in Christ (now known as the Holy Temple Church) Memphis, Tennessee. He is presently pastoring the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, 7361 Linwood, in Detroit, Michigan, where he is assisted by his son, Elder W. A. Patterson, Jr.

In 1958, he was elevated to the Bishopric and appointed to a portion of North Carolina, where he served (3) three years, churches and missions were added under his administration.

He has pastored the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ for 47 years, the church was built by Bishop Patterson and his congregation.

During Bishop Patterson's early ministry at Holy Temple, there was a broadcast over radio station WMPS every Thursday night. People are yet testifying

of how God saved and healed through the radio broadcast.

Recently Bishop Patterson celebrated his 79th birthday with family, members and friends in Memphis, Tennessee.

July 27, 1977, Bishop Patterson and Mother Patterson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Detroit, Michigan.

We the members of Holy Temple Church are godly proud for a leader like Bishop W. A. Patterson, and we pray that God give him many more years to expound the Word of God.

HONOR TO "MADAM MATTIE MOSS CLARK" by Jane D. Goldsberry

In times present and times past it has been the custom of our society to erect monuments, shrines status and designate certain days as national holidays in commemoration to person of great importance and international influence.

Madam Mattie Moss Clark is such a person, for she influenced countless thousands through her sermons in songs. She pioneered the field of gospel music to international fame. I feel compelled to share with you something that will (along with her great gospel recordings) serve as a honor to commemorate the life of such a person as, Madam Mattie Moss Clark.

Madam Mattie Moss Clark, is songwriter, singer, directress, and musician is a family member of the Church of God in Christ International. Madam Mattie Moss Clark has appeared in every state across this country. In Delaware or anywhere she appeared, there was no church to large or small for her to go, sing with all her might. She kept a busy schedule, constantly without vacation.

Madam Mattie Moss Clark, thank the Lord for the inspiration, He has given her, for she knows that He gives without measure and her cup runneth over with Joy. The songs come to her at various moments, sometimes during her daily routine, traveling in the car, listening to a gospel message, even in an opening prayer of a choir rehearsal. But whenever, or wherever she makes her way as

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE Memphis, Tennessee Jan-24-26

APRIL CALL MEETING Memphis, Tennessee April 4th-6th

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS CONVENTION Houston, Texas May 30th-June 4th

UNAC—5 Cleveland, Ohio June 26th-July 1st

READERS WRITE



MADAM
MATTIE M. CLARK

soon as possible to a quiet place to capture what God is giving that she might give it to the world.

Madam Mattie Moss Clark wants to help others, she wants to serve in ways that will carry gospel to all people. She would come from wherever she was and be on hand to help in any way she could. She has touched the lives of many thousands. Many times she has left her family to come to help others. She enjoys doing the work of the Lord. Not only does she enjoy singing gospel music, but she loves to hear it sung. She teaches her choir members that songs are just more than beautiful words and music, they must carry a message to a lost world, this is the work of the choir. Her daily prayer is that she will continue to live so God can use her that she might know him in the fellowship of His suffering and be a vessel fit for the Masters use.

Madam Mattie Moss Clark has made great recording albums. "Salvation Is Free" was one of the greatest. She records along with Southwest Michigan State Choir, Southwest Michigan Community Choir, UNAC choir, and of all, the famous Clark Sisters, which are her own and beloved daughters Jackie, Denise, Twinkie, Dorinda and Karen Clark. Madam Mattie Moss Clark was reared 3 gold records.

Madam Mattie Moss Clark has done an admirable job down through the years. Love is felt by me, for Sis. Clark through her leadership and guidance. I would like to leave these words of encouragement.

JAMES 3:28 1st Peter 4:15
Oct 1, 1977

Dear Friend;

"Have You Heard The Latest.?" Gossip is fast becoming the biggest weapon Satan has AGAINST God's chosen people. Rumors are flying around, everywhere. Filthy gossip is ruining the reputation, of many of God's choicest servants. This gossip does not originate in barrooms, It is not passed on by reprobates and prostitutes, its poured out of the heart and lips of Church Folks who sit in service weekly singing about the Love of Jesus.

It's a known fact Church folks go home and chew up the pastors, ministers, missionaries and evangelist. They gossip about their hair-shoes-car-house-family and sermon. And shameful to say they gloat over their failure financial or spiritual. Satan will stop at nothing to discredit an effective ministry. Most gossip is vicious —but seldom true.

God is dealing with ME about my OWN gossiping tongue! No one thinks of himself as being guilty of gossip. But I was one of those who prefaced my gossip with —"Now I'm only telling you this so you, can pray. Mind you —I love this person, but did you hear about... WE use all kind of excuses to spread our gossip garbage and seldom do we think of the effect or damage of the ruin our mouth cause. I

recall the many times I passed on rumors, without a single thread of evidence, I too had become a tool in Satan's hand to destroy my sister and brother. God not only forgave, — He put within me a desire to stand and pray against lying tongues, rumors, stories innuendoes or hearsay. More gossip is done against dedicated men and women who are doing more for God than all the jealous people, who spread the rumors.

How many men and women of God lay prostrate each night—lost in tears—as they ask God why they are victims of lies of gossip. They give their life to the work of Christ.

You expect gossip from liars, cheaters, low street people. Politics and Public life. But no gossip is as vicious and hurting as that which comes from Church folk, out of God's house the devil laugh when so-called saints pass on lies and gossip. Passing a bit of gossip can wreck a marriage-shipreck a ministry, destroy a dream and send your soul to Hell.

Saints, we can no longer indulge in gossip. Don't allow it. May God raise up some real saints, whose HEART and LIPS are sanctified. Don't be too eager to tell it, keep it, PRAY GOSSIP CAN STOP WITH YOU AND ME

CHRISTMAS CALL

To the saints Every where:

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO
UNKNOWN CHILD.

This Christmas I am sending some money to be used to help you and hungary people like you all over the world. May it bring you a little nearer to the better life I wish you.

From:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____

Please send to: Bishop S.S.M. Maimela, c/o Department of Missions, P.O. Box 491, Memphis, Tennessee. 38101

PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE AND
OLDER PEOPLE NEED US.

Christmas is the "Family Season" when Brothers and Sisters, Moms and Dads, Uncles and Aunts, Sons and Daughters, Nieces and Nephews are so much in our thoughts. But what of old folks, who have no one to care? Loneliness, hardships, infirmity can be met by love, fellowship and care of Southern Africa Church of God in Christ. With your support, we can help more frail old folks who desperately need our aid during Christmas time.

Send contributions to: Bishop S.S.M. Maimela, c/o Department of Missions, P.O. Box 491, Memphis, Tennessee. 38101

Your Worker in Botswana,
BISHOP S.S.M. MAIMELE

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NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT. PLEDGES \$18,000 TO SAINTS CENTER

doctrines and ideology of the Church throughout the U.S.A. This new Headquarters will be built on seven and one half acres surrounding the present Downtown Headquarters. But in order for this visionary project to be a success a special appeal is being made for all pledges to be paid immediately if possible.

This magnificent project will stand as a testimony for the century to come.

THE CHISCA BUILDING currently housing C.O.G.I.C. International Headquarters will be completely remodeled. The facilities in this impressive structure will include COGIC Administrative Offices, Meeting Rooms, Auditoriums, the COGIC Bookstore and other shops and dining rooms. The facilities will also include radio, television and recording studios. Many of the building's facilities may be utilized by other interested religious groups.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING. The Chisca Motel Annex will be remodeled and

converted to office use for many COGIC departments.

CONVENTION CENTER. This impressive new domed structure in the form of a perfect circle will seat 15,000 for great events or two separate activities simultaneously seating audiences of 4,000 and 11,000 in two partitioned sections.

GOD'S HALL OF FAME AND WAX MUSEUM. A shrine for memorabilia and artifacts of the Founding Fathers with exhibits honoring our outstanding saints throughout the history of the Church of God In Christ.

MULTI-STORY PARKING

FACILITY. Secured indoor parking for 2,000 cars.

COGIC PUBLISHING HOUSE. Our new facility for printed word evangelism. It will be staffed to translate the COGIC message into many languages. Saints Center will provide employment for many of our young qualified church members.

Following is the Financial Report of the National Sunday School Department.

U.N.A.C. REPORT

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

STATE-BISHOP AMOUNT

Alabama No. I-Bishop C.A. Ashworth	\$300.00
Alabama No. II-Bishop W. W. Harris	75.00
Alaska-Bishop C. D. Williams	-0-
Arkansas No. I-Bishop Leto Walker	300.00
Arkansas S. W.-Bishop D. L. Lindsey	-0-
Arizona-Bishop Felton King	125.00
Bahamas I-Bishop W. T. Grant	-0-
Bahamas II-Bishop George Burns	-0-
California, N.C.-Bishop German Ross	250.00
California North No. I-Bishop Radell Stewart	225.00
California N.W.-Bishop S. R. Martin	250.00
California Southern No.I-Bishop Charles Blake,Sr	300.00
California Southern No.II-Bishop E.E. Cleveland	-0-
California Southwest-Rev. R. M. Clark	50.00
California Valley-Bishop W. S. Wilson	-0-
Canada No. I-Bishop A. T. Harrison	-0-
Canada No. II-Bishop S. C. Cole	-0-
Canada No. III-Bishop C. L. Morton, Jr.	-0-
Colorado-Bishop W. B. Odom	250.00
Connecticut-Bishop C. H. Brewer, Jr.	250.00
Delaware-Bishop L. T. Blackshear	150.00
District of Columbia-Bishop Samuel Kelsey	-0-
Florida, Central-Bishop J. E. Williams	300.00
Florida East-Bishop Jacob Cohen	-0-
Florida-Bishop W. E. Davis	160.00
Florida West-Bishop T. H. Thompson	200.00
Georgia Central-Bishop J. D. Husband	125.00
Georgia North No. I-Bishop J. Howard Dell	175.00
Georgia, South-Bishop C. J. Hicks	250.00
Hawaii No. I-Bishop T. H. Sadler	-0-
Hawaii No. II-Bishop W. H. Reed	150.00
Illinois Central-Bishop L. H. Ford	300.00
Illinois North-Bishop J. O. Mason	150.00
Illinois South-Bishop E. Lenox	135.00
Illinois, S. E.-Bishop C. W. Gillespie	175.00
Illinois, Fifth-Bishop F. G. Green	300.00
Illinois, Sixth-Bishop H. W. Goldsberry	100.00
Indiana, North-Bishop Wm. O. Blakely	300.00
Indiana, South-Bishop O. Turner	250.00
Iowa No. I-Bishop Hurley Bassett	250.00
Kansas, S.W.-Bishop Graze Kinard	300.00
Kansas East-Bishop Wm. McDonald	-0-
Kansas No. III-Bishop I. B. Brown	250.00
Kentucky, East-Bishop E. H. Ware	-0-
Kentucky, West-Bishop A. T. Moore	75.00
Kentucky, West-Bishop John W. White	-0-
Louisiana, East-Bishop W. K. Gordon	300.00
Maine-Bishop R. D. Williams	-0-
Maryland, East-Bishop James L. Eure	-0-
Maryland, West-Bishop T. R. Young	300.00
Maryland, Central-Bishop J. I. Doswell	150.00
Massachusetts No. I-Bishop L. C. Young	-0-
Mass. No. II & N.H.-Bishop C. W. Williams	250.00
Michigan, S.W.-Bishop J. S. Bailey	175.00
Michigan, N.E.-Bishop P. A. Brooks	300.00

Michigan, Great Lake-Bishop C. L. Anderson, Jr.	-0-
Minnesota-Bishop S. H. Overton	250.00
Mississippi, N.-Bishop T. T. Scott	175.00
Mississippi, S.-Bishop Theodore Davis	300.00
Missouri S.E. & W.III. No.I-Bishop W.E. Turner	200.00
Missouri S.E. & W.III.No.11-Bishop C.W. Williams	300.00
Missouri Western-Bishop E. H. Moore	250.00
Missouri Central Eccl.-Bishop C. N. Rucker	60.00
Montana-Bishop W. H. Sims	-0-
Nebraska No. I-Bishop Monte Bradford	-0-
Nebraska No. II-Bishop B. T. McDaniel	-0-
Nevada-Bishop E. N. Webb	225.00
New Jersey No. I-Bishop Esau Courtney	300.00
New Jersey No. II-Bishop Howard Smith	-0-
New Jersey No. III-Bishop Chandler Owens	-0-
New Mexico-Bishop S. V. Brooks	50.00
New York, Eastern-Bishop O. M. Kelley	175.00
New York Western No. I-Bishop Leroy Anderson	300.00
Western New York, No. II-Bishop Charles McCoy	300.00
N. Carolina, Greater-Bishop L. B. Davenport	-0-
N. Carolina, No. II-Bishop J. H. Sherman	100.00
Ohio-Bishop R. S. Fields	300.00
Ohio, N.W.-Bishop R. L. Chapman	150.00
Ohio South-Bishop F. E. Perry, Jr.	250.00
Oklahoma, N.W.-Bishop A. L. Hearne	175.00
Oklahoma, S.E.-Bishop W.E. Jefferies	300.00
Oregon No. I-Bishop H. B. Daniels	-0-
Oregon No. II-Bishop J. C. Foster	-0-
Pennsylvania, East-Bishop D. A. Burton	75.00
Penna. Commonwealth-Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr.	-0-
Pennsylvania, West-Bishop G. E. Vaughn	-0-
Rhode Island-Bishop J. P. Graham	-0-
So. Carolina North-Bishop H. Jenkins Bell	250.00
South Dakota-Bishop Carl Roberson	-0-
Tennessee, East-Bishop Audley King	250.00
Tennessee, West-Bishop J. O. Patterson	300.00
Texas, Northeast-Bishop F. L. Haynes	300.00
Texas, Northwest-Bishop J. E. Alexander	250.00
Texas, So. Central-Bishop C. H. Nelson	250.00
Texas, Southeast-Bishop R. E. Woodard	300.00
Texas East-Bishop S. D. Lee	200.00
Texas, Southeast No. II-Bishop M. G. Grady	-0-
Texas, Southeast No. III-Bishop R. E. Ranger	-0-
Texas, Southwest-Bishop T. D. Iglehart	100.00
Texas Big Three-Bishop J. E. Watley	100.00
Utah-Bishop Nathaniel Jones, Jr.	-0-
Vermont-Bishop Frank Clemmons	-0-
Virginia, No. I-Bishop D. C. Love	50.00
Virginia, No. II-Bishop Samuel Green	300.00
Virginia, No. III-Bishop L. E. Willis	-0-
Washington-Bishop T. L. Westbrook	100.00
West Virginia, So.-Bishop J. P. Dabney	-0-
West Virginia, No.-Bishop Edward Martin	-0-
Wisconsin, S. East-Bishop Dennis Flake	175.00
Wisconsin, Northwest-Bishop P. J. Henderson	105.00
Wyoming-Bishop A. W. Martin	150.00
Jamaica, West Indies-Bishop W. T. Hall	-0-
Labors Together With God-Illinois	300.00

U N A C SUNDAY SCHOOL APPENDIX FINANCIAL REPORT

Bishop Edward Martin,West Virginia	\$25.00
Bishop W. W. Harris, Alabama N.2	165.00
Bishop J. P. Dabney, West Va. S.	50.00
Bishop Jacob Cohen,Florida E.	140.00
Bishop W. S. Wilson,Calif. Valley	100.00
Bishop E. Lenox,Illinois, S.	130.00
Bishop D. C. Love, Virginia No. I	30.00

TOTAL \$640.00

PREVIOUS TOTAL 21,606.06

GRAND TOTAL 22,246.06

Bishop J. P. Graham, Rhode Island	25.00
Bishop Feltus King, Arizona	30.00

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'CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT' MYTH OR MYSTERY?

by
Klaas Runia

strongly upheld the doctrine of the virgin birth. Of course, they had a double motive for doing this. The virgin birth was not only part of their doctrine of Christ, But also their doctrine of Mary. Without the virgin birth the whole mariology would collapse.

In the last decade, however, all

this has changed. The new approach to the Bible along the lines of Bultmann and his school has also been accepted by many Roman Catholic scholars, and consequently doubts concerning the factuality of the virgin birth have arisen. The famous Dutch New Catechism, published in 1966, does not deny the virgin birth, but at the same time it speaks about it in a subdued tone. It stresses the poetical nature of the nativity stories and limits itself virtually to the statement that the origin of Jesus was not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. No wonder that later on this part of

the catechism was severely criticized by the commission appointed by the Pope.

In the meantime, however, individual scholars, both exegetical and systematic theologians, went much further. In a very recent German publication (A New Book of Faith) a Roman Catholic theologian frankly states that the story of the virgin birth does not belong to the earliest Christian tradition, but appears rather late in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, which were both written after A. D. 70. It is therefore an open question whether it is a fact or only a "teaching story," which tell us about the great significance of Jesus the Messiah. Other Roman Catholic theologians have gone further again and have made their choice: it is not a fact, but only a "teaching story" or "teaching model."

Why has this part of the Creed been subjected to so much criticism? What are the grounds for this critical attitude? There are several lines of argument.

Many theologians approach the matter from an exegetical angle. They point to the fact that this miracle is mentioned only by Matthew and Luke, while it is absent in the rest of the New Testament. Of particular importance is its absence in the letters of Paul, which are the earliest documents we have. Therefore it must be a later addition. They further point to the "peculiar nature" of all the stories about Jesus' birth. According to them it is obvious that they are "poetical" or even "legendary" and not "factual."

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NEW JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP APPOINTED

of God in Christ at age 17. He is married to a daughter of the Church, Mrs. Lois Inez (Kinlow) Westbrook. They recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. Bishop Westbrook accepted his calling to the ministry in Arkansas in 1955. Shortly afterwards he moved to Tacoma, Washington at the request of the late Bishop Altheimer. After spending approximately seventeen months worshipping with Bishop Altheimer, he established a mission which later became the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ. As one who came up through the ranks, Bishop Westbrook has served in a number of capacities in the church which include but not limited to: Deacon; Local Sunday School Superintendent; District Superintendent; State YPWW President; Chairman of the Finance Committee; Chairman of the Grievance Committee; Chairman of Public Relations; and Chairman of the Elders Council.

The Washington State Jurisdiction is pleased with the appointment of Bishop T. L. Westbrook as their leader and anticipates great accomplishments and tremendous spiritual progress under his leadership.

Reporter: Deacon Dennis McCain

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BISHOPS OF OHIO UNITE FOR UNAC-5

leaders are asking members of the various Jurisdictions to give their full support to make this convention the greatest UNAC-5 held.

UNAC-5 for 1978 promises to be the best yet with its new pass-port plan featuring coupons for the banquet dinner, Sea World Tour, Musical, delegate Kit.

In addition, the pass port plan also includes a free continental breakfast and who knows what else may be in the making with these three Bishops as hosts to the convention.

The theme "Restropection, Realization and Reaction" is most appropriate for this year, in that UNAC-5 is coming to what is called the best location in the nation; Cleveland, Ohio won't you meet us there?

Eld. Roy Winbush, Chairman
Bishop G. R. Ross, Gen. Secretary
Bishop F. E. Perry,
Bishop L. Chapman & Bishop R. S. Fields (Host Bishops)

GREATER NORTHWEST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST; 15811 Rosa Park Blvd. Detroit, Michigan Let The Elders That Rule Well Be Counted Worthy Of Double Honor, Especially They Who Labour In Word And Doctrine: I Tim. 5:17

Holy Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Greater Northwest Church of God in Christ 15811 Rosa Parks Blvd.

We the member of Greater Northwest were blessed to be celebrating our pastor's 26th Founder's Day here in Detroit, Michigan for this man of God with faith in his heart, holiness in and out with the Love of God all about.

We're just obeying the Bible in doing what we are suppose to do. Giving honor to whom honor is due. This year Pastor and Sister Moore the Northwest Family honors you. On Tuesday night the Inspirational Choir presented Evang. Harry J. Anderson. Wednesday night - Women's night the speaker was Apostle Charles O. Miles and his gospel Center T.V. Choir. Thursday night the Men's Department was in charge. The speakers were our own Deacon Cleodis Wells and James Herbert. we had words by Council woman Erma Henderson.

Friday night the minister of Northwest was in charge. The speaker was Elder Ruben Branch. Saturday the Youth Department was in charge. The speaker was the renown Elder Richard D. Henton of Chicago, Ill. also on Saturday with the youth department yet in charge the speaker was Bishop Isaiah Roberts of Chicago, Ill. along with the Roberts Temple Radio Choir.

Sunday morning we were blessed to have the Honorable Mayor Coleman Young in our worship service with the speaker Dr. Frances Sipes Curtis. Sunday afternoon the speaker was Elder Isaac King and his Pentecostal Temple Radio Choir. Following the afternoon service dinner was served. Music was rendered by Sister A. Rance, Brother Howard Baker, Charles Wells, Brother Charles Lockett, Brother Gregory Lockett and Brother David Jackson, Jr. Soloist were Sister Beverly Banks and Sister Verdena Lockett.

Below is the history of our accomplishments made by our pastor (in brief.)

1927 Graduated from Rosenwall High, State of Mississippi.

1929 Received Christ in Holiness, Detroit, Mich.

1930 Graduate, College of Liberal Arts, DIT.

1932 Joined in Matrimony with the present Mother Mary E. Moore who worked right by his side for 26 years. 1937 served the Federal Government U.S. Washington, D.C. Entered and completed a special course in Theology, Howard University. Extended church work and Practical Administrative service under Bishop Samuel Kelsey. 1943 Entered the U.S. Army, called to the Gospel Ministry, educated and advanced in Chaplain Service. Ordained under God, thru the laying on of hands of the following, Clergy Authority. The late Bishop S. M. Crouch, Major Chaplain Jas. Washington, also confirmed by the Late Overseer R. H. Cobb and the present Bishop J. S. Bailey. 1951 Founded and built Northwest C.O.G.I.C. 1961 Founded Northwest Bible Seminary. 1969 ordained, under God to the Bishopric.

Whenever in Detroit come Northwest and be blessed.

Deacon Paul Mason, General Chairman Deacon Clandes March Banks, Chairman member Mother Ruth Jackson, Mother Mattie March Banks, Chairman Women Dept. Deacon Ozzie Wells, Chairman Youth Dept. Missionary Evelyn Wells, Directress Deacon Harvey Wilson, Co-Director

Bishops G. D. Moore, Pastor Mother Mary E. Moore, First Lady David Milton, Church Reporter

Greetings to the Saints everywhere in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Sunday morning Sept. 25th the congregation of Emanuel was highly uplifted in Spirit and encouraged in hearts as our Women went forth for the Lord on our Women's Day. Mother H. Hines, Church Mother and Mother O. Scaife, National Evangelist were in charge of service.

Theme: A Good Name is Rather to be Chosen than Great Riches Prov. 22:1, Ecc. 7:1. Our First Lady of our church and also First Lady of South Eastern

Wisconsin, came forth with the word of God. She spoke from our theme. Her message was just beautiful, inspiring and true. We were all helped as the woman of God spoke to us out of her heart from the 3rd chapter of James, "How We Should Control Our Tongue." Saints let's all pray more and talk less. May God ever strengthen our pastor's wife and bless her ministry.

We also thank God for our pastor, the Honorable Bishop D. Flakes who freely and unselfishly gives the women an opportunity to pour out their gifts which God has blessed them with.

Sister Georgia Mae Carson, Reporter Emanuel C.O.G.I.C. 2418 N. 19th St. Bishop Dennis Flakes, Pastor

THE DENVER MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

When presented with the word "Alliance," we almost immediately think of two or more individuals or groups having an association based on a common purpose, goal or interest sufficiently strong to insure the continued cohesiveness necessary in working for the cause of Christ. With the help of the Lord, the Ministerial Alliance of Denver Colorado is striving to maintain such a standard.

The Denver Ministerial Alliance having its beginning in 1944 is made up of over forty ministers, pastors, and elders including its chairman pastor W. H. Sims and other officers. Its purpose is aimed in keeping with the basic concepts taught by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ namely to create and maintain fellowship between participating churches through the unification of brethren by the teaching of Bible precepts, and since all of its members belong to the Church of God in Christ, where doctrinal points are concerned, peace is the rule rather than the exception.

According to chairman Sims who is now in his fourth consecutive years as chairman, the Denver Alliance is set up strictly as a help, not a church government, especially where pastoral rights are concerned and has proved beneficial not only to the church, but to the community as well which can be seen through its program of benevolent reach out to victims of prolonged sickness, accidents or other misfortune.

Locally, community representatives are heartily welcomed and encouraged to address the alliance in presenting ways to be a betterment to people everywhere. Such an example was the recent visit on May 7, 1977 by Mrs. Edna Rhambo of P.O.W. (program for older workers) who brought information concerning a government supported job finding program for interested persons between the ages of forty-five and sixty-five.

Other activities of the Denver Ministerial Alliance include the special worship services held on good friday, thanksgiving, and Christmas each year. Also it

sponsors the local ministers meeting designed to be a blessing for all by providing an opportunity for all local ministers to exercise their spiritual gifts.

The Lord has blessed and is blessing the Denver Alliance, and seeing that we "Know neither the day nor the hour wherein the son of man cometh" Matt. 25:13, it is striving to teach valuable Christian principles and ethical conduct to walk by that all ministers of the gospel would be fitting examples not only to the community but to the world.

Eld. Charles Scurles, Reporter & Secretary

LOCAL**SEPTEMBER 10, 1977**

Greetings to the saints of God everywhere from the Powerhouse C.O.G.I.C. in Rochester, New York!! God is pouring out His blessings upon us. Souls are being saved each week. Bodies are being healed and the saints are praising God! To HIM be the Glory!

We have a kind and faithful pastor who is also the Superintendent for the 5th District of Western New York, Jurisdiction No. 1. He is a man with a vision for the people. The name of Eld. Henry Newkirk is known and respected throughout Western and Eastern New York.

On the first Sunday in May, our church closed out a rally that began in January. The rally was sponsored by our pastor. Pastor Newkirk and the congregation of Powerhouse (which is constituted by well over 300 members) trusted God for \$10,000.00, but God gave us \$11,000.00. Truly God is good.

Our church mother and district supervisor, Mother Henrietta Coofer, called the women of the district together earlier this year, and told them of her plans to honor and bless the pastors of the district by sponsoring The District No. 5 Fellowship Banquet.

On July 23rd, the Gold Ballroom of the Americana Inn was the setting for the beautiful banquet. The toastmaster was Dr. James Wright, a faithful member of our church and the director of the Phyllis Wheatley Library here in the city of Rochester. Sis. Linda Armstrong and Sis. Jennie Hoston electrified the audience with their solos. The Spirit of the Lord was great in our midst. Mrs. Christine Smith, International Toastmistress, recited the speech that she recited to win her title. The speech was entitled, "America." Mrs. Smith was simply superb. As each pastor of the district spoke, the presence of the Lord grew greater. Yes, saints, we had great rejoicing in the Gold Ballroom of the Americana Inn!! Out of town guests included: State Supervisor Callie Pringle of Utica, N.Y., Mrs. Earline Washington of Mobile Alabama, Mr. William Saulsbury of Dover, Delaware, and Mrs. Beatrice McGee of Buffalo, N.Y., Mrs.

Earline Washington is the mother of Sis. Mary Wright, who is a faithful member of Powerhouse and also a Science teacher at Wilson Jr. High School here in the city. Mr. William Saulsbury is the brother of one of our fine deacons, Deacon Bernard Saulsbury. Mrs. Beatrice McGee is the State Home and Foreign Mission President of Western New York, Jurisdiction No. 2, and also the grandmother of one of our faithful members who joined us two years ago, after her departure from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., Sis. Pam McGee.

Our illustrious president of the District No. 5 Womens' Fellowship Circle, District Supervisor Coofer, spoke concerning the occasion, after which a delicious buffet dinner was served. Sis. Rosie Argrett was awarded the sum of \$25.00 for having sold the most tickets for our banquet, and on that happy note, the evening ended. The guests left reluctantly looking forward to another year; for there is nothing more beautiful or sweet than the fellowship of the saints.

Sis. Patricia Logan, Reporter

GETHSEMANE TABERNACLE C.O.G.I.C.**GETHSEMANE WOMEN'S DAY**

The third Sunday of each month has been reserved for the women of this church. We are asked to fast each women's day until our morning service has been concluded. (This was requested by our pastor's wife, Mrs. B. Clark) In doing so, our souls are richly blessed.

Our speaker for the morning service was Missionary C. Primus. The Lord gave her this message about two months ago. Missionary Primus stated, "I felt in my heart that it was for a good purpose." Therefore she delivered this message: "Wait On the Lord" as she defines it, is to remain until something expected happens. Missionary Primus extracted her subject from the book of job. Her message included scriptures from the following books: Prov. 20:22, Psalms 37:7, 40:1 and Isaiah 40:31.

Our women's day services are concluded with a night service. (Begins at 8:00 p.m.) Missionary L. Banks (a highly anointed speaker) was in charge. She had planned a beautiful service for the night. Our junior choir sung under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Following three of our young adult women spoke to us from the depth of their hearts as the Lord spoke to them.

Again we extend a welcome to you, to worship with us anytime. We are located at 7608 Compton Ave., Los Angeles, Ca. May God bless each of you.

Supt. R. M. Clark, Pastor
Sis. G. H. Soence, Reporter

\$30.00 A DAY • \$900.00 A MONTH CASH—PAID DIRECTLY TO YOU

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT OFFER
ONLY \$2.00 FOR YOUR FIRST MONTHS PROTECTION
MONEY BACK IF NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED

HOSPITAL COSTS ARE SKYROCKETING

...to heights few of us can afford. They have already doubled since 1968 and show no signs of slowing down. That is why YOU NEED CASH PROTECTION like COGIC HOSPITAL INCOME PLAN. THIS CASH BENEFIT PLAN pays direct to you or anyone you choose. In otherwords, YOU CONTROL THIS MONEY. Our checks are made out to you. This plan PAYS REGARDLESS OF ANY OTHER PLANS you may have, INCLUDING MEDICARE.

16 Important Questions Answered About Church of God In Christ HOSPITAL PLAN

1. How much will this policy pay me when I am in the hospital?

\$30.00 for each day up to 365 days for any covered accident or sickness resulting in hospital confinement.

2. When do cash benefits begin?

You receive cash benefits from the very first day you enter the hospital.

3. How do I receive my benefits?

We mail the checks direct to you, or to anyone else you may designate.

4. How may I use this cash?

Anyway you please. To help pay for hospital and doctor bills other insurance plans don't cover. For everyday family needs like rent and groceries. For a housekeeper, or extra help at home. You alone decide how to use the money.

5. Can I collect even if I carry other health insurance?

Yes, C.O.G.I.C. Hospital Fund pays this cash over and above any other hospital insurance you may carry — including Medicare.

6. Do I really need the extra protection of this hospital plan?

It's almost certain your other medical and hospital insurance won't completely cover expenses. Medicare benefits definitely do not. Then too, your regular living expenses keep right on piling up while you're in the hospital. Without cash coming in debts may be incurred, permanent savings may be lost.

7. Can I apply if I am over 65?

Yes, you can. There's no age limit to apply for this hospital plan. You are welcome to apply at any age, 18 or over.

8. Will my rates go up as I grow older?

No, you continue paying the same low premium rate with which you began coverage. Your monthly cost can be changed only if there is a general adjustment, up or down, affecting all policies of this type. You'll never pay more because of a change in your health or because of frequent claims or the amount of money you collect.

9. What will it cost to become a member of this Fund?

Rates are listed on the front of each enrollment application.

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NAME: (Mr.) _____ (Mrs.) _____ (Miss) _____		Date of Birth _____		No. in Family _____	
Please Print					
Age: _____	Height: _____	Weight: _____	Occupation _____		
Address: _____			Phone No. _____		
City _____		State _____		Zip _____	
Fill in the following information on others to be included in the program:					
Name of Person Included	Related to Applicant As	Birth Date	Age	Hgt	Wgt

The following questions are to be answered YES or NO and apply to every person named above:

- Has any insurance covering you or any person named above ever been modified, rated-up, or terminated by insurer, or has reinstatement thereof been refused?
- To the best of your knowledge and belief do you or any person named above have any injury, sickness, deformity, or physical or mental infirmity or disorder at the present time?
- Do you or any person named above have any known medical or surgical condition at the present time which you feel, or have been told by a physician, will require hospitalization?
- During the past 5 years have you or any person named above consulted, or been advised to consult a physician or surgeon?

YES NO

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**DETACH AND RETURN
ENROLLMENT APPLICATION
ALONG WITH YOUR \$2 CHECK
OR MONEY ORDER.**

THIS IS YOUR MONTHLY
COST TO CONTINUE
YOUR PROTECTION.

HUSBAND—WIFE	YOUR MONTHLY COST
	14.00
MEDICARE — AGE 65 OR OVER	8.00

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Memphis, Tenn.

If Your Answer is YES To Any One of The Above Questions, Please Complete The Following:

Person	Description	Date	Duration	Results or Impairment	Name of Doctor & Address

This is to certify that I am a member of the Church of God in Christ and the above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that pre-existing health conditions (health problems which were manifest or medically advised or treated during the past 12 months) will not be covered during the first 12 months of coverage. I further understand that this is not an insurance company, but a self insured Hospital Fund, owned by the Church of God in Christ.

Jurisdiction Number _____ X _____
Bishop's Name _____ Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

10. If I'm over 65 do I get the same benefits as anyone else?

MEDICARE: PLAN NO. 3D PAYS IN ADDITION TO BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM MEDICARE. WE KNOW MOST OLDER FOLKS ARE ON A FIXED AND OFTEN LIMITED BUDGET. SO, INSTEAD OF RAISING RATES WHEN YOU BECOME 65, OR IF FOR ANY REASON A PERSON BECOMES COVERED BY MEDICARE, WE PAY HALF-BENEFITS (\$15 A DAY * * * \$450.00 A MONTH).

11. What does this hospital plan cover?

Every hospital stay caused by accidents or sickness except those resulting from attempted suicide, intentionally self-inflicted injury, riot participation, acts of war, wartime military service. Even Maternity is covered for one full week of hospital confinement, for any pregnancy.

12. What about a condition I may have had before my policy is issued?

Pre-existing conditions (any sickness or accident you had or for which you received medical advice or treatment prior to the effective date of your policy) are not covered for the first 12 months.

13. Will my claim be handled promptly?

Yes, our record for claim service is excellent. Your benefit check will be promptly sent direct to you, or anyone else you designate.

14. Is there a special advantage in beginning my protection now?

Yes, because of lower premium rates.

15. Is there a lot of red tape to apply?

Not at all, it's very easy. Fill out the brief application carefully and mail it to us. Send \$2.00 when you apply. Our underwriters will promptly review your application. As soon as your application is accepted we'll mail you your certificate and give you ten days to decide if you like it and to pay your first premium. You'll find our policy is straightforward and easy to read and understand.

16. Is there any urgency about mailing my application?

The sooner we receive your application the sooner we can process it and mail your policy. An unexpected sickness or injury could strike without warning — and when you need a hospital plan the most, it's too late to buy it. Don't wait! Mail your application today.

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